Striving for Sustainability: A Panel on Increasing Client Earned and Unearned Income

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Indiana WIC Program

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OUR MISSION:

To promote, protect, and improve the health and safety of all Hoosiers.

OUR VISION:

Every Hoosier reaches optimal health regardless of where they live, learn, work, or play.



What is the WIC program?

- WIC is a nutrition education program funded by the USDA. WIC is in all U.S. states, territories and tribal organizations. WIC is not an entitlement program.
- Provides services to pregnant, postpartum and breast/chestfeeding parents, infants and children up to age five who meet income guidelines and are at **nutrition risk**.
- Clients receive benefits (Electronic Benefit Card), which can be redeemed for specified nutritious foods at designated grocery stores and pharmacies. They also receive breast/chestfeeding support, education, and referral to community services.





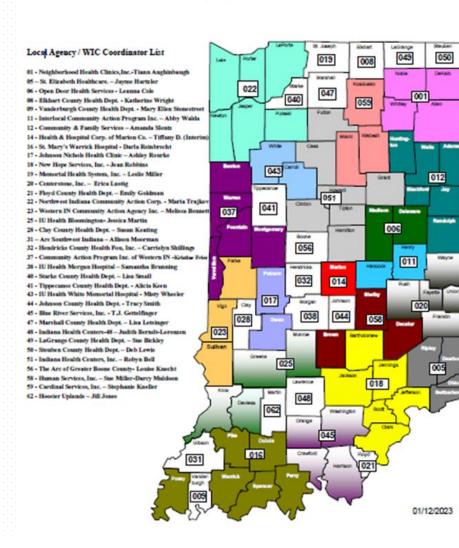
What does WIC do?

- Formally titled: The Special Supplemental Nutrition
 Program for Women, Infants and Children administered
 by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- WIC provides services at no charge:
 - 1. Nutrition and health screening and assessment
 - 2. Supplemental nutritious **foods** to meet special nutrition needs
 - 3. **Nutrition education** and counseling (American Academy of Pediatrics)
 - 4. **Breast/chestfeeding** promotion and support
 - 5. **Referrals** to other Indiana health, family and social services





- WIC is in every county and is hosted by a variety of agencies:
 - Not-for-profit organizations (18)
 - Health Departments (12)
 - Hospitals (6)
- WIC local agencies employ staff to run the WIC program.
- Having staff that are local helps us keep a personalized, community-based perspective.



Single County Local Agencies



WIC Eligibility Guidelines



Indiana
Department
Health

Applicants must meet <u>all</u> eligibility requirements:

<u>Categorical</u>

- Pregnant adolescents/adults
- Breast/chestfeeding parents (up to 1yr post-partum)
- Postpartum Non-Breast/chestfeeding parents
 - (up to six months after delivery for food items & up to one year of additional services)
- Infants
- Children (until the age of five years)

Residential

• Live in Indiana

• Income

- At or below **185%** of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines
- Automatic income eligibility receiving SNAP, Medicaid* or TANF*

*also applies if certain family members receive benefits

• Nutrition Risk

Dietary-based or medical-based conditions (affecting nutritional status)*

* determined by health professional



2023 WIC Income Guidelines

Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%						Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
House hold Size		Twice-						Twice-		
	Annual	Monthly	Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
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Each add'l fam										
mem add	+\$5,910	+\$493	+\$247	+\$228	+\$114	+\$10,934	+\$912	+\$456	+\$421	+\$211



WIC Food Package



INFANT CEREAL ANY GRAIN OR HULTIGRAIN 8 or 16 oz. container

added formule, fruit, quince, or DHA.

Allowed Brands: Baby Basics, Seech Nut, Denalec, Garbar, Meijer, Parent's Choice, Tippy Toes.

FLUID MILK

Lesst-expensive brand. Product type and size listed on benefits belance

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SCW MEK

Plain or original soy milk in 's gallon containers Not included: Flevored and gless bottles. Allowed Brands: 9th Continent, Great Value, 51k.

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 Powder: All sizes

Motincluded Organic, flavored, imitation, bulbarrells, Milnot, Vitamibs, or glass bottles.

WIC APPROVED FOODS CARD (AFC) EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EGGS

1 dozen

1 Quart (32 oz.) tub or Multipacks: 2, 4 oz. 4 pack cups = 32 cz ; 1, 4 cz. 8 pack cups = 32 or ; 2, 2 or , 8 pack rubes = 32 or ; 1, 2 or . 16 pack tubes = 32 cg.

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FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Pruit and Vegetable Cash Value Benefits are

redeameble up to the amount stated on the benefits balance.

· Fruit wikhoux added sweeteners

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ORGANIC OR NON-ORGANIC

Generic PLU 4489

· Whole or cur.

· Any brand

Plain bagged salad

added vegerables

with dip dressing or croutons.

- Fruits in 100% fruit Juice or water

Motificalised: Fruit and vegetables with edded suget syrups, sweeteners, seeponings, flavoring,

febs, pills, herbs or spices, cream/cheese/butter

sauce, pickled vegetables, tometo sauces, souce

- Regular, low sodium, or no sak

EDOZEN

Any flavor: fat free, low fat, whole fat, or

14 - 17 oz. packages Not in cluded: Organic, premium, light, mix-ins, individually sold cups, or more than 40 grams of Any texture, regular or organic weeterers, oils, sodium, sessoring, frie sugar par cup. Allowed Brands: Activia, Sest Choice, Grown

Allowed Brands: Azumeya, Franklin Farma House Foods, Nestrye, O ORGANICS, Organics Simple Truth, Westsoy, Woodstock

LARGE OR EXTRA LARGE WHITE

Notindaded Organic or Premium.

AND/OR BROWN EGGS

Least expensive brand

PEANUT BUTTER

16 oz - 18 oz lars

Not included: Organic, premium, spread, or mixed with other items, Resse's.

Size is specified on benefits belance

FROZEN JUICE CONCENTRATE

For women only. 100% JUICE (FRUIT OR VEGETABLE) AND AT LEAST 72 MG OR 120% VITAMIN C

Any flevor or blend.

45-49 cz. only. Any container

DZEN OR SHELF STABLE CONCENTRATE

Allowed Brands: Always Save, Apple & Sve, Sest Choice, Silusbird, Campball's, Diane's Gerden, Dole, Exsential Everyday, Food Oub, Freedom Choice, Glant Eegle, Gmet Yelus, Hy-Top, KGA, Indian Suramer, July Julos, Kroper, Langers, Market Pantry, Meijer, Minvile Hald, Musselman's, Nature's Number Northland Old Orchard Our Earnily Bud Gold, Ruby Kist, Schnucks, Seneca, Shurfine, Signatum Select, Spartan, Tipton Grove, Tree Top, Tropicana, V.S., Valu Time, Welich's.

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JUICE - 64 OZ. Motificialed: Any type of frozen poteto. Products

For children only. with edded aweelener, pile, fets, herbs or spices; creams, sauces, or breading. 100% JUICE (FRUIT OR VEGETABLE) AND

Any flevor or blend.

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Mol In cluded: Organic or premium.





WIC Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)



Indiana WIC families use a simple Electronic Benefits (EBT) card that allows them to redeem benefits at WIC-approved vendors.

- Eliminates a family having multiple sets of checks for each WIC eligible individual as it combines the entire family's benefits onto one card;
- Creates efficient transaction during checkout;
- Reduces stigma an EBT card looks like any other debit card;
- Enables clients to purchase benefits as they need them as opposed to all at once, which checks required.



The INWIC Mobile Application

- Find the nearest WIC clinic and WIC-approved vendors;
- Access WIC appointment information;
- View current and future food benefit balances;
- Receive notifications about expiring benefits and upcoming appointments;
- Get reminders about what to bring to the appointment;
- Scan UPC codes while shopping to see if the item is WICapproved;
- Locate the nearest grocery store or pharmacy where benefits are accepted;
- Complete over 35 nutrition education lessons;
- You can download the INWIC App Spanish as well!



-DOWNLOAD-

The New INWIC App Today









WIC Peer Counselor Program



- Indiana WIC Peer Counselors are previous or current WIC clients who have experience with breast/chestfeeding who provide breast/chestfeeding education and support to clients.
- Peer Counselors provide education on normal breast/chestfeeding and make referrals to clinic staff members who have advanced credentials in lactation support (CLS, IBCLC).
- Peer Counselors are available to clients outside of normal clinic hours and can provide support and referrals to clients even when the clinic is closed.
- Many of Indiana's Peer Counselor programs have been awarded the USDA Breastfeeding Award of Excellence for best practices in breastfeeding support:
 - 19 local agencies have been awarded the Gold Award
 - 8 local agencies have been awarded the Gold Premiere Award



Indiana WIC is here to support you!

QUESTIONS?

For more information or to find a clinic near you, call 800-522-0874 or visit our website at WIC.in.gov.





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Medicaid Programs

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MEDICAID PROGRAMS - OVERVIEW

Hoosier Healthwise

- Covers low-income children without disabilities up to age 19
- Covers moderate-income children without disabilities and without other health coverage up to age 19 in the Children's Health Insurance Plan or CHIP (monthly premiums required)
- Covers moderate-income pregnant and postpartum individuals

Hoosier Care Connect

 Covers individuals of any age with a disability or those older than 65, who do not have Medicare and do not need long-term services and supports (institutions, waivers), and some foster children/adoptees/former foster children



MEDICAID PROGRAMS - OVERVIEW

Healthy Indiana Plan

- Covers individuals without disabilities aged 19 64 and low-income pregnant and postpartum individuals
- Healthy individuals are required to pay monthly contributions if income is over 100% FPL; others may choose to pay contributions to receive extra services such as vision and dental, or they may instead pay copays at time of service

Fee-for-Service ("Traditional Medicaid")

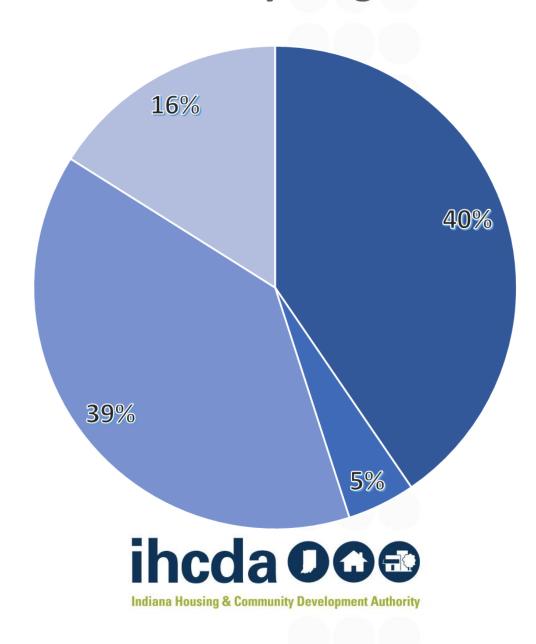
• Covers individuals in need of long-term services and supports, those on Medicare, some foster children/adoptees/former foster children, and individuals who are only eligible for coverage of emergency services due to immigration status

Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

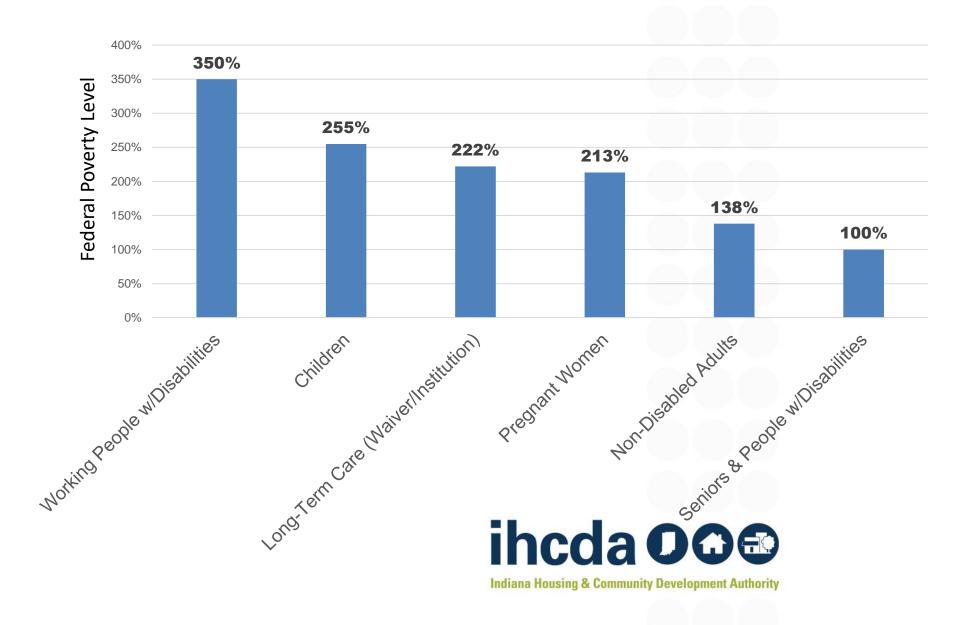
Medicaid Enrollment by Program



- Hoosier CareConnect
- Healthy
 Indiana Plan
- Fee-for-Service



MEDICAID INCOME LIMIT BY ELIGIBILITY BASIS



PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY

Presumptive Eligibility (immediate, temporary coverage) is available through certain Qualified Providers. The applicant will answer questions such as citizenship, residency, family size, and household income. The application is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- To learn more about Presumptive Eligibility rules, visit <u>https://www.in.gov/medicaid/providers/business-transactions/qualified-provider-presumptive-eligibility-pe/</u>
- To find an active Qualified Provider use the IHCP Provider Locator (select Yes for "Show only Presumptive Eligibility Qualified Providers?") at

https://provider.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/ProviderService

APPLYING FOR MEDICAID

- Apply online 24 hours a day/7 days a week (including on a smart phone or other device), or request an application be sent through the mail, at www.FSSABenefits.IN.gov
 - Completed paper applications can be returned via fax to 800-403-0864, dropped off at a local office (see below), or mailed to FSSA Document Center, PO Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952
- Call and apply over the phone (may take up to an hour) at 800-403-0864, 8:00 to 4:30
 Monday Friday
- Apply in person at a Division of Family Resources local office, 8:00 to 4:30 Monday -Friday
 - DFR staff can help answer any questions during the application process, computer kiosks are provided; find the closest office at https://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/ebt-hoosier-works-card/find-my-local-dfr-office/



HELP IN APPLYING FOR MEDICAID

 Free, impartial assistance is provided by Indiana Navigators and Application Organizations

https://in-fssa.my.site.com/HCNav/

Indiana Department of Insurance Navigator locator, identifies both Navigators and Application Organizations

The applicant can select any person or organization to be their **Authorized Representative (AR)** for health coverage with the DFR. An AR form is provided with all applications and contains a barcode to make sure that it is linked to the applicant's case correctly. Once an application is in process or a case is ongoing, the individual and prospective AR can also call DFR (800-403-0864, 8:00 – 4:30 M-F) and agree to an AR relationship over the phone, or print an AR form from their Benefits Portal account.

An Authorized Representative is expected to be knowledgeable about the individual's circumstances. ARs choose to help only until a determination is made on the application, or they can continue to help even after Medicaid is approved. The Authorized Representative can talk to DFR about the case and will receive copies of all notices mailed to the applicant/member.



RETURNING TO NORMAL OPERATIONS AFTER THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Special rules have been used since March 2020 to make sure that Medicaid members did not lose their health coverage except for very limited reasons.

Those special protections ended on March 31, 2023.

All Medicaid members should make sure their contact information is up-todate with DFR and watch for and respond to any mail that is sent to them.

For more information on this process and free resources (such as videos, postcards, posters, and flyers), visit

https://www.in.gov/medicaid/members/member-resources/How-a-return-to-normal-will-impact-some-Indiana-Medicaid-members/

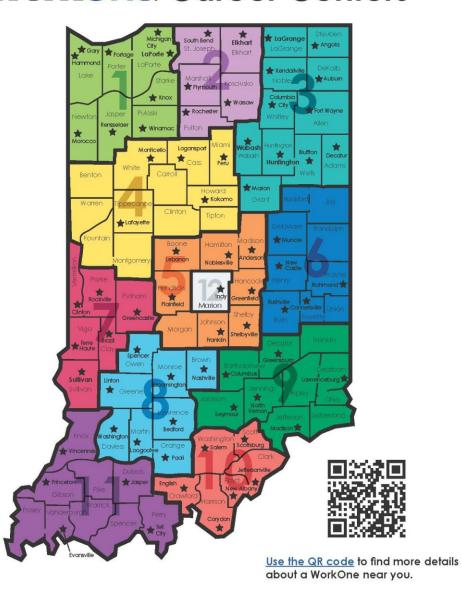


WorkOne and Department of Workforce Development

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WorkOne Career Centers









How WorkOne Can Help

- Indiana Career Connect
- Assessments
- Resume Assistance
- Interview Workshops
- Labor Market Information
- Occupational Information
- Connection to other state & federal programs
- Training (If Eligible)
- Job Fairs

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- Veterans Services
- Disabled Job Seeker Assistance
- Youth & Older Job Seeker Assistance

Apply

for a Job

Career

Guidance

Adult Education

Learn About

Education and

Career Counseling









WIOA ADULT AND DISLOCATED ELIGIBILITY

Adult Eligibility Criteria

- Age of 18 or older
- Eligibility to work in the United States
- Selective Service Registration

Dislocated Worker Eligibility

- Age of 18 or older
- Eligibility to work in the United States
- Selective Service Registration
- Individuals who are unemployed and have lost their job through no fault of their own or have received a layoff and are unlikely to return to their previous occupation or industry







WIOA ADULT PRIORITY OF SERVICE FOR CAREER AND TRAINING SERVICES

- 1. To veterans and eligible spouse who are included in the groups given statutory priority for WIOA adult formula funding. This means that veterans and eligible spouses who are also recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, or individuals who are basic skills deficient receive first priority for services with WIOA Adult formula funds for individualized career services and training services.
- 2. To individuals who are not veterans or eligible spouses of veterans, but are a recipient of public assistance, other low-income individuals, or individuals who are basic skills deficient.
- 3. To veterans and eligible spouses who are not included in WIOA's priority groups. Veterans and eligible spouses who are not included in a WIOA priority group but meet Title I Adult program eligibility.
- 4. To priority populations established by the Governor and/or Local WDB
- 5. To other individuals who are not included in any priority group but meet WIOA Title I Adult program eligibility.





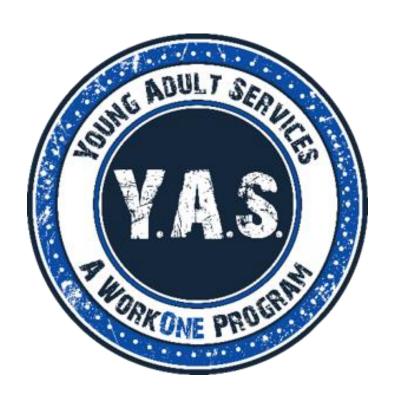


Young Adult Services and Jobs for America's Graduates

Bart Doan-Associate Director of Youth Initiatives, JAG Indiana



WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACTYOUTH ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES



Between the ages 16-24, not attending school, AND meet one or more of the following:

- A school dropout
- Of compulsory school age but has not attended school for at least the most recent school year calendar quarter
- A recipient of a secondary school diploma (or its equivalent) who is a <u>low-income individual AND</u> is basic skills deficient, <u>OR</u> an English language learner
- Homeless, runaway, in foster care or has aged out of foster care, in an out-of-home placement, or an individual eligible for assistance under section 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S. C. 677)
- An individual subject to the juvenile or adult justice system
- Pregnant or parenting
- Disabled
- A low-income individual requiring additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment



JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES PROGRAM

- Employability skills program for high school students (juniors and seniors)
- In 130 schools across the state (including two colleges)
- 95% graduation rate
- Over 250,000 hours of community services

Website: www.jagindiana.org

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